

## House Resolution 1179

By: Representative Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Addie Gates Austin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Addie Gates Austin on January 3, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin graduated from the Prentiss Institute and earned a bachelor's degree  
5 from Mississippi Valley State University; and

6 WHEREAS, a highly respected educator, Mrs. Austin demonstrated a deep personal  
7 commitment to challenging the future leaders of this nation beginning with her first teaching  
8 job in 1950 at Sam Balkin Elementary in Schlater, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Austin was an active member of  
10 Strangers' Home Missionary Baptist Church, uplifting the congregation with her voice in the  
11 senior choir, leading others as chairperson for Woman's Day and president of Pastor's Aide  
12 Club, and representing the church at the Congress of Christian Education and the General  
13 Baptist State Convention of Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, dedicated to molding young minds, Mrs. Austin educated the youth of her  
15 church as leader of the youth department, leader of the Sunshine Band and Youth Choir,  
16 young adult Sunday school teacher, and teacher and director of vacation bible school; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin was blessed with three children, Leafie, Deborah, and Lincoln, one  
18 son-in-law, Gregg, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
21 her family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,  
24 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Austin will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and  
26 this loyal mother, sister, grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great  
27 fortune of knowing her.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Addie Gates Austin  
30 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Leafie O. Austin, Deborah  
33 Austin Thomas, and Lincoln Austin.